

# THE MESSAGE

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## CONVICTS IN OTHER STATES.

Kentucky's road commissioner, after an investigation of results in other States, reports in favor of the employment of able-bodied short term convicts in road-making. Georgia's road commissioner states that the prisoners employed on the highways are healthy, tractable and more than ordinarily contented, and that their labor is satisfactory. Alabama's highway engineer reports that when properly managed convict labor on the roads is more effective than paid work and that the cost of using convicts is from 40 to 65 cents a day. Georgia employs 5,000 convicts on the roads and estimates the cost at one-half that paid of labor. California adopted the system last year and is pleased with it. Colorado convicts built 157 miles of mountain road in 1912 at a cost of 32 cents a day per man. In Illinois 66 convicts are kept at work in quarries and at crushing stone at a cost of 50 cents per day. Kansas officials think the effect good on convicts. Louisiana built 25 miles of permanent roads last year with convicts and found the expense 40 cents per man.

In Michigan, it is said, the convicts prefer road work, and Minnesota considers stone crushing by convicts a success. Montana works 225 prisoners on the roads and thinks they are much benefited by the outdoor labor. North Carolina is another State that has gone into the system extensively. Its 2,300 convicts thus employed cost from 42 to 72 cents a day each. Oregon makes a favorable report; its 196 convict road workers cost \$14 a month. Virginia's 735 convicts are kept busy on the roads at a cost of 34 cents per day per man. Washington is satisfied with convict labor in stone quarries.

Missouri is going to have to grapple with this question. What is she going to do about it?

## TEXT BOOK CHANGES.

The Audrain County Text Book Commission has completed its work in the text book changes for the rural schools. The new adoptions are:

Agriculture, Benson & Botts, price \$1.00.

Everyday Arithmetic, Book I and II, price 40 cents each; Book III, price 45 cents.

Webster's Elementary School Dictionary, price 90 cents.

Geography, Tarr & McMurtry, Book I, price 65 cents; Book II, price \$1.10.

Beginners of History, Estill, price 48 cents.

Dawn of American History in Europe, Nida, price 80 cents.

History of the United States, Bourne & Benton, price 1.00.

Hygiene, Health and Habits, O'Shea & Kellogg, price 45 cents.

Merrell Speller Complete, Wilson & Winship, price 26 cents.

The books retained by the Commission are Rader's Civil Government and History of Missouri; Ware's Practical Drawing Book; Fry's Home Geography; Emerson & Bender's Modern English; Writing Books; Primer; Graded Readers; Studies in Reading.

## CONGRATULATES JACOB.

A paragraph in the St. Louis Republic says:

I wanted to congratulate Rev. Jacob Meeker, but did not know his address, so wrote him in care of Busch Brewery. The county went dry by 930. Flat River, where he made nearly all his speeches, was dry two to one. I think if he had come a week earlier it would have been three to one.

X. Y.

Flat River, Mo.

Centralia fined one of her girls the other day for exceeding the speed limit with her automobile. And some folks up that way are so mad about it. Enforce the laws, that's the stuff.

Mayor W. S. Waters of Vandalia is one of the live wires. He fined himself recently for not having lights on his automobile. He is now out in the Far West looking around. He's law-abiding. He'll be good out West we know.

The Message has the best list of correspondents of any paper in the county. But some of our correspondents do not write often enough. Don't miss writing at least once a month or we will have to conclude that you wish to break off entirely. Write weekly if you can, and when there is something to write about, and get the items to us early, so that we may have ample time to get them in type.

A writer in Leslie's Weekly says: "One could not give away chewing tobacco anywhere in the world outside of the United States or to Americans away from home, accustomed to use it." Is that writer writing wild? That's better visiting manners than we thought we had.

Mexico Brick and Fire Clay Co. will exhibit products of their plant at the State Fair at Sedalia.

The sheriff of Montgomery county relates a story worth mentioning. In talking with a delegation from Columbia who were there for the purpose of talking good roads to the county court, the sheriff said: "I have been sheriff of this county for several years. Four years ago when our county was a saloon county we had our jail full of prisoners and I was compelled to keep two deputies busy all of the time. Now this county is dry and we only now have one prisoner and have had but one for some time and I have discharged both deputies and can easily take care of all of the work myself. I hope that our county will always stay 'dry' for it reduced the criminals of the county about nine-tenths." And then jokingly he said, "Business is so dull that we will either have to sell the jail or set up a saloon."

P. P. Hummel, a number of years ago a resident of Mexico, late postmaster at Laddonia, is soon to be ordained a preacher in the Baptist Church. He is a mighty fine man and should make a very zealous and earnest minister of the Word. But that's two preachers that have come out of the Laddonia postoffice. What will Bro. Mayhall do about it?

Spite of all "Rev" Jake Meeker and rum interests could do with their speakers and heir money St. Francis County went dry at the July 17 election by majority of 958 votes. Meeker and his'n were "licked to a frazzle."

## YOU Can See America Best.

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T. L. MARSHALL,  
Ticket Agent.

## "The Glad Hand Sale"

# The Second Annual Discount Sale!

E. E. Cantrell, South Side Hardware Store, Mexico, Mo.

In making this ANNUAL DISCOUNT SALE I want to get better acquainted with the people of Audrain County, and I take this way of showing my appreciation of the increased business the past year.

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I want everybody to feel that every article ADVERTISED as a BARGAIN is a REAL BARGAIN.

Every article in my store will be marked down to BED ROCK PRICE for three weeks starting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

A few of the many articles selling at this sale at A GREAT BARGAIN are as follows:

Extra Good Corn Knives.....23c  
Ray Cold Blast Lanterns.....49c

Short Globe

E. E. Cantrell, Mexico, Missouri.

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

In the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, September Term, 1915.

Moyer Forward, nee Bradley, and husband, F. P., Richard Bradley, Zetta Heffner, nee Bradley, and husband, M. L., Maggie Ryals, nee Bradley and husband, J. M., and Isaac Bradley, .....Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Clarence M. Berry, Kennett O. Berry, H. Kay Berry, the unknown heirs of Sallie J. Berry, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Lula Mason, nee Berry, deceased, .....Defendants.

State of Missouri to the above named non-resident defendants, and unknown heirs of Sallie J. Berry and Lula Mason, nee Berry, except Clarence M. Berry, .....GREETING:

Now on this July 20th, 1915, the plaintiffs by their attorneys, Shannon and Burch, and during the session and setting of the regular June 1915 term of this court, filed and presented to the Court on July 15, 1915, their petition and affidavit for an order of publication and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that defendants, Kennett O. Berry, and H. Kay Berry, are non-residents of the State of Missouri and cannot be summoned in this action as required by law it is ordered by the Court that Publication be made notifying them and the unknown heirs that an action has been commenced against them by petition and affidavit in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, vesting the title to certain real estate described below.

Plaintiffs for their cause of action state that they are the owners in fee simple and in possession of the following described real estate, situate in the county of Audrain, State of Missouri, to-wit:

Lots Nos. One (1), Two (2), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), in Block Eleven (11), of Lakenan and Barnes' Highland Addition to Mexico, Missouri;

That the plaintiffs are now in the lawful possession of said land, and they, and those under whom they claim, have been in the lawful, actual, open, notorious, continuous and adverse possession thereof, claiming said land as their own, for more than 30 years past.

That title to said land is vested in the plaintiffs, under and by virtue of certain deeds of conveyance, duly executed and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for said Audrain county, and by limitation, as provided in section 1884, Chapter 21, Article 8, Revised Statutes of Missouri for 1909, said section being entitled, "Limitation-Real Actions", and that the equitable title to said land emanated from the Government of the United States more than 30 years ago.

Plaintiff states that on the 10th day of June, 1887, John W. Berry became the owner in fee simple of the above described land, under and by virtue of a warranty deed from the owner thereof, and in the latter part of the year 1887 died intestate, leaving as his sole surviving heirs, his widow, Sallie J. Berry, also known as Sarah Berry, and his children, Clarence M. Berry, also known as Clarence Berry, Lula Mason, nee Berry, Kennett O. Berry, also known as Kennett Berry, and H. Kay Berry, also known as Kay Berry;

Wherefore, the plaintiffs pray for a decree vesting the title to said premises in plaintiffs, in fee simple, under and by virtue of the aforementioned deeds, and by limitation as provided in section 1884, Chapter 21, Article 8, Revised Statutes of Missouri for 1909, to have and to hold the same unto themselves, their heirs and assigns forever, free and clear of all claims and claims of title made or to be made by the defendants, or by anyone claiming by, through or under, said defendants; that it be further ordered, adjudged and decreed that defendants be and are estopped from claiming any interest in or asserting any title to the above described land; that the title of the plaintiffs to said land be declared a perfect legal and record title; and plaintiffs further pray for such other and further relief in the premises as to the Court may seem just and proper.

It is further ordered by the Court that the said non-resident defendants

above named be and appear in this Court on the 1st day of the next regular term thereof to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Mexico, County of Audrain, State of Missouri, on the Sixth day of September, 1915, and on or before the first day of said term to answer or otherwise plead to said petition, or in default thereof, said petition will be taken and adjudged as confessed and judgment by default will be rendered against said defendants.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper, duly printed in English language and circulated in said Audrain County, State of Missouri, and duly designated by plaintiffs' Attorneys as most likely to give notice to said defendants, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of said term of Court.

Given under my hand this 20th day of July, 1915.

E. F. Elliott,  
Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court.

A true copy from the record.

(SEAL) Attest E. F. Elliott  
Clerk.

E. A. Shannon and Walter Burch,  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

FROM KIRKSVILLE.

Completion of List of Audrain Teachers At The Normal.

Kirksville, Mo., July 24, 1915.

Since writing my last letter, I have

found a few more Audrain teachers

here: Miss Elsa Nagel and sister, Gertrude, from Rush Hill. Miss Nagel is

teaching in the Normal at present.

She will teach the Hazel school this year. Miss Willie Whitson, one of

the Mexico teachers, is another, Miss Nellie Proctor of Centralia, who will

teach the Excelsior school, is another.

Miss Florence Begeman who will

teach the Cauthorn school, Lee Horton, who taught at Clark last year,

young Rhoads, principal at Gazette; Miss Janette White of Centralia, principal

at Martinsburg, Miss May Hoffrichter of Molino, who will teach at

Mt. Pisgah, bring the total of Audrain

teacher and students up to 50. Mr. Pryor, teaching at Warrensburg, was

here the past week and taught four

classes. He is wide awake, progressive, and his work is interesting and

practical.

Special instruction this week for

County Superintendents of Kirksville

Normal District. Number will attend.

This is a busy set of students and

instructors. No loafing, everywhere

an air of business. They surely realize

why they are here, trying to get the

best and greatest amount in the short

time. More than a thousand here. Means much for Missouri.

The County Text Book Commission,

composed of D. E. Tugel, Supt. Vandalia

Schools, Sec. G. D. Coakley of Laddonia,

a rural teacher, and Clyde W. Johnson, County Supt., Chairman,

unanimously adopted the enclosed list

of books. Law requires that dealers

sell them at the Authorized Retail

Price. Yours very truly,

W. Clyde Johnson.

Note. See above mentioned list

of books under another heading.

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MONDAY

August

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## CHICAGO & ALTON

### Notice of Final Settlement.

All creditors and others interested in the estate of Jas. B. Weaver, deceased, are notified that the undersigned, administrator of said estate, will make final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, to be held at the City of Mexico, in Audrain County, on the 9th day of August, 1915.

C. H. SHOUP,

Administrator.

July 8, 1915.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

All creditors and others interested in the estate of H. F. Morris, deceased, are notified that the undersigned, administrator of said estate, will make final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, to be held at the City of Mexico, in Audrain County, on the 9th day of August, 1915.

J. W. MORRIS,

Administrator.

July 15, 1915.

Call on Mrs. Pasqueth for your new hat for the Mexico Fair. She also has a large number of summer hats that go now at greatly reduced prices. Pasqueth Millinery is just right.

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